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Mr. John Spirito Hearing Officer RI Division of Public Utilities and Carriers 89 Jefferson Boulevard

Dear Mr. Spirito:

Warwick, RI, 02888

The Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council is comprised of seventeen (17) Local Trade Unions and approximately 10,000 members. On behalf of our officers and members, I write in support of the petition submitted by PPL Corporation to transfer ownership of the Narragansett Electric Company to PPL Rhode Island Holdings, LLC because approval of the petition means more jobs for our members, and more investment in the state's infrastructure.

In my conversations with PPL executives, I have been impressed with their emphasis on putting technology and innovation to work for their customers which has translated into one of the smartest grids in the country in their home state of Pennsylvania. Their pursuit of a smart grid here in Rhode Island would undoubtedly lead to significant infrastructure investment, replacing aging equipment with stronger, more durable materials capable of better withstanding severe weather and potential power outages. In short, I believe PPL Corporation is uniquely positioned to serve the electricity and natural gas needs of Rhode Islanders and will do so in a safe, reliable and affordable manner.

PPL Corporation also has assured me it intends to have a strong presence of senior leadership in the state and will also bring some jobs currently being performed in Massachusetts back to Rhode Island as part of a more localized operating model. The company has signaled its intent to honor all collective bargaining agreements in place and importantly, will be capable of assisting the state in meeting its ambitious renewable energy goals.

I hope the Division will consider the position of the RIBCTC in its deliberations on this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Sabitoni

President